ADOPTION AMENDMENTS
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends provisions of the Judicial Code relating to adoption.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
<ul><li>defines terms;</li></ul>
Ĥ→ [ → modifies background check requirements for out-of-state prospective adoptive
parents;] ←Ĥ
<ul> <li>describes the persons from whom consent for adoption of a child, or consent to</li> </ul>
relinquish a child for adoption, must be obtained;
<ul> <li>describes when an unmarried biological father is entitled to consent, or withhold</li> </ul>
consent, to the adoption of a child, or relinquishment of a child for adoption;
<ul> <li>establishes a procedure for an unmarried biological father to preserve his right to</li> </ul>
consent to adoption of a child, or relinquishment of a child for adoption, when a
declaration of paternity of the unmarried biological father is rescinded;
<ul> <li>describes the requirements necessary for an unmarried biological father to preserve</li> </ul>
his right to consent to adoption of a child, or relinquishment of a child for adoption:
• when the unmarried biological father did not know, and through the exercise of
reasonable diligence would not be expected to know, that the state of Utah may
have obtained jurisdiction over the child or the child's mother; or
• when the unmarried biological father did not have time to take action to



28	preserve his rights within the state of Utah after he became aware, or should have become
29	aware, that the state of Utah may have obtained jurisdiction over the child or the child's mother;
30	<ul> <li>describes the circumstances under which an adoption may be finalized after the</li> </ul>
31	death of an adoptive parent or an adoptee;
32	<ul> <li>requires the Office of Vital Records within the Department of Health to mail notice</li> </ul>
33	of the rescission of a declaration of paternity to the nonrescinding signatory; and
34	<ul> <li>makes technical changes.</li> </ul>
35	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
36	None
37	Other Special Clauses:
38	None
39	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
40	AMENDS:
41	<b>78-30-1.1</b> , as last amended by Chapter 137, Laws of Utah 2005
42	Ĥ→ [78-30-3.6, as enacted by Chapter 101, Laws of Utah 2001] ←Ĥ
43	78-30-4.12, as last amended by Chapter 137, Laws of Utah 2005
44	78-30-4.15, as last amended by Chapter 129, Laws of Utah 1998
45	78-30-14, as last amended by Chapter 318, Laws of Utah 1996
46	78-45g-306, as enacted by Chapter 150, Laws of Utah 2005
47	REPEALS AND REENACTS:
48	78-30-4.14, as last amended by Chapter 137, Laws of Utah 2005
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50	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
51	Section 1. Section <b>78-30-1.1</b> is amended to read:
52	<b>78-30-1.1.</b> Definitions.
53	As used in this chapter:
54	(1) "Adoption service provider" means a:
55	(a) child-placing agency; or
56	(b) licensed counselor who has at least one year of experience providing professional
57	social work services to:
58	(i) adoptive parents; or

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59	(ii) birth parents.
60	(2) "Child-placing agency" means an agency licensed to place children for adoption
61	under Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Part 6, Child [and Family Services] Placing.
62	(3) "Division" means the Division of Child and Family Services, within the
63	Department of Human Services, created in Section 62A-4a-103.
64	[(3)] (4) "Licensed counselor" means a person who is licensed by the state, or another
65	state, district, or territory of the United States as a:
66	(a) certified social worker;
67	(b) clinical social worker;
68	(c) psychologist;
69	(d) marriage and family therapist;
70	(e) professional counselor; or
71	(f) an equivalent licensed professional of another state, district, or territory of the
72	United States.
73	[ <del>(4)</del> ] (5) "Parent," for purposes of Section 78-30-3.3, means any person described in
74	Subsections 78-30-4.14(1)(b) through (f) from whom consent for adoption or relinquishment
75	for adoption is required under Section 78-30-4.14.
76	[(5)] (6) "Unmarried biological father" means a person who:
77	(a) is the biological father of a child; and
78	(b) was not married to the biological mother of the child described in Subsection $[(5)]$
79	(6)(a) at the time of the child's:
80	(i) conception; or
81	(ii) birth.
82	Ĥ→ [Section 2. Section 78-30-3.6 is amended to read:
83	78-30-3.6. Prospective parent not a resident Preplacement requirements.
84	[(1)] When an adoption petition is to be finalized in this state with regard to any
85	prospective adoptive parent who is not a resident of this state at the time a child is placed in
86	that person's home, the potential adoptive parent shall:
87	[(a)] (1) comply with the provisions of Section 78-30-3.5; and
88	(2) obtain:
89	[(b)] (a) [submit fingerprints for] a Federal Bureau of Investigation national criminal

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90	history record check[.]; or
91	(b) from each state or country where the prospective adoptive parent has resided in the
92	<u>previous five years:</u>
93	(i) a criminal history report; and
94	(ii) a report from that state's or country's database of persons who have committed child
95	abuse or neglect, if such a report may be obtained from that state or country.
96	[(2) The fingerprints referenced in Subsection (1)(b) shall be submitted to the Federal
97	Bureau of Investigation either:]
98	[(a) through the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division of the
99	Department of Public Safety in accordance with the provisions of Section 62A-2-120; or]
100	[(b) if the prospective adoptive parent is pursuing the adoption with a private attorney,
101	the request shall be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a personal records
102	check, in accordance with procedures established by the Criminal Investigations and Technical
103	Services Division of the Department of Public Safety.] ←Ĥ
104	Section 3. Section <b>78-30-4.12</b> is amended to read:
105	78-30-4.12. Rights and responsibilities of parties in adoption proceedings.
106	(1) The Legislature finds that the rights and interests of all parties affected by an
107	adoption proceeding must be considered and balanced in determining what constitutional
108	protections and processes are necessary and appropriate.
109	(2) The Legislature finds that:
110	(a) the state has a compelling interest in providing stable and permanent homes for
111	adoptive children in a prompt manner, in preventing the disruption of adoptive placements, and
112	in holding parents accountable for meeting the needs of children;
113	(b) an unmarried mother, faced with the responsibility of making crucial decisions
114	about the future of a newborn child, is entitled to privacy, and has the right to make timely and
115	appropriate decisions regarding her future and the future of the child, and is entitled to
116	assurance regarding the permanence of an adoptive placement;
117	(c) adoptive children have a right to permanence and stability in adoptive placements;
118	(d) adoptive parents have a constitutionally protected liberty and privacy interest in
119	retaining custody of an adopted child; and
120	(e) an unmarried biological father has an inchoate interest that acquires constitutional

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protection only when he demonstrates a timely and full commitment to the responsibilities of parenthood, both during pregnancy and upon the child's birth. The state has a compelling interest in requiring unmarried biological fathers to demonstrate that commitment by providing appropriate medical care and financial support and by establishing legal paternity, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

- (3) (a) In enacting [Subsection 78-30-1.1(5) and] Sections 78-30-4.12 through 78-30-4.21, the Legislature prescribes the conditions for determining whether an unmarried biological father's action is sufficiently prompt and substantial to require constitutional protection.
- (b) If an unmarried biological father fails to grasp the opportunities to establish a relationship with his child that are available to him, his biological parental interest may be lost entirely, or greatly diminished in constitutional significance by his failure to timely exercise it, or by his failure to strictly comply with the available legal steps to substantiate it.
- (c) A certain degree of finality is necessary in order to facilitate the state's compelling interest. The Legislature finds that the interests of the state, the mother, the child, and the adoptive parents described in this section outweigh the interest of an unmarried biological father who does not timely grasp the opportunity to establish and demonstrate a relationship with his child in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.
  - (d) An unmarried biological father has the primary responsibility to protect his rights.
- (e) An unmarried biological father is presumed to know that the child may be adopted without his consent unless he strictly complies with the provisions of this chapter, manifests a prompt and full commitment to his parental responsibilities, and establishes paternity.
- (4) The Legislature finds that an unmarried mother has a right of privacy with regard to her pregnancy and adoption plan, and therefore has no legal obligation to disclose the identity of an unmarried biological father prior to or during an adoption proceeding, and has no obligation to volunteer information to the court with respect to the father.
  - Section 4. Section **78-30-4.14** is repealed and reenacted to read:
  - 78-30-4.14. Necessary consent to adoption or relinquishment for adoption.
- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), consent to adoption of a child, or relinquishment of a child for adoption, is required from:
  - (a) the adoptee, if the adoptee is more than 12 years of age, unless the adoptee does not

152	have the mental capacity to consent;
153	(b) both parents or the surviving parent of an adoptee who was conceived or born
154	within a marriage;
155	(c) the mother of an adoptee born outside of marriage;
156	(d) any biological parent who has been adjudicated to be the child's biological father by
157	a court of competent jurisdiction prior to the mother's execution of consent to adoption or her
158	relinquishment of the child for adoption;
159	(e) consistent with Subsection (3), any biological parent who has executed and filed a
160	voluntary declaration of paternity with the state registrar of vital statistics within the
161	Department of Health in accordance with Title 78, Chapter 45e, Voluntary Declaration of
162	Paternity Act, prior to the mother's execution of consent to adoption or her relinquishment of
163	the child for adoption;
164	(f) an unmarried biological father of an adoptee, only if he strictly complies with the
165	requirements of Subsections (4) through (8) and (10); and
166	(g) the person or agency to whom an adoptee has been relinquished and that is placing
167	the child for adoption.
168	(2) (a) The consent of a person described in Subsections (1)(b) through (g) is not
169	required if the adoptee is 18 years of age or older.
170	(b) The consent of a person described in Subsections (1)(b) through (f) is not required
171	if the person's parental rights relating to the adoptee have been terminated.
172	(3) For purposes of Subsection (1)(e), a voluntary declaration of paternity is considered
173	filed when it is entered into a database that:
174	(a) can be accessed by the Department of Health; and
175	(b) is designated by the state registrar of vital statistics as the official database for
176	voluntary declarations of paternity.
177	(4) Except as provided in Subsections (5)(a) and (10), and Ĥ→ [consistent with] subject
177a	to ←Ĥ Subsection
178	(8), with regard to a child who is placed with adoptive parents more than six months after birth,
179	consent of an unmarried biological father is not required unless the unmarried biological father:
180	(a) (i) developed a substantial relationship with the child by:
181	(A) visiting the child monthly, unless the unmarried biological father was physically or
182	financially unable to visit the child on a monthly basis: or

183	(B) engaging in regular communication with the child or with the person or authorized
184	agency that has lawful custody of the child;
185	(ii) took some measure of responsibility for the child and the child's future; and
186	(iii) demonstrated a full commitment to the responsibilities of parenthood by financial
187	support of the child of a fair and reasonable sum in accordance with the father's ability; or
188	(b) (i) openly lived with the child:
189	(A) (I) for a period of at least six months during the one-year period immediately
190	preceding the day on which the child is placed with adoptive parents; or
191	(II) if the child is less than one year old, for a period of at least six months $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{during the}}$
191a	period of time ←Ĥ beginning
192	on the day on which the child is born and ending on the day on which the child is placed with
193	adoptive parents; and
194	(B) immediately preceding placement of the child with adoptive parents; and
195	(ii) openly held himself out to be the father of the child during the six-month period
196	described in Subsection (4)(b)(i)(A).
197	(5) (a) If an unmarried biological father was prevented from complying with a
198	requirement of Subsection (4) by the person or authorized agency having lawful custody of the
199	child, the unmarried biological father is not required to comply with that requirement.
200	(b) The subjective intent of an unmarried biological father, whether expressed or
201	otherwise, that is unsupported by evidence that the requirements in Subsection (4) have been
202	met, shall not preclude a determination that the father failed to meet the requirements of
203	Subsection (4).
204	(6) Except as provided in $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\underline{\text{Subsections (8) and}}]$ Subsection $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ (10), $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{and}}$
204a	subject to Subsection (8), ←Ĥ with regard to a child who is six
205	months of age or less at the time the child is placed with adoptive parents, consent of an
206	unmarried biological father is not required unless, prior to the time the mother executes her
207	consent for adoption or relinquishes the child for adoption, the unmarried biological father:
208	(a) initiates proceedings to establish paternity under Title 78, Chapter 45g, Utah
209	Uniform Parentage Act;
210	(b) files with the court that is presiding over the paternity proceeding a sworn affidavit:
211	(i) stating that he is fully able and willing to have full custody of the child;
212	(ii) setting forth his plans for care of the child; and
213	(iii) agreeing to a court order of child support and the payment of expenses incurred in

214	connection with the mother's pregnancy and the child's birth;
215	(c) consistent with Subsection (7), files notice of the commencement of paternity
216	proceedings with the state registrar of vital statistics within the Department of Health, in a
217	confidential registry established by the department for that purpose; and
218	(d) offered to pay and paid a fair and reasonable amount of the expenses incurred in
219	connection with the mother's pregnancy and the child's birth, in accordance with his financial
220	ability, unless:
221	(i) he did not have actual knowledge of the pregnancy;
222	(ii) he was prevented from paying the expenses by the person or authorized agency
223	having lawful custody of the child; or
224	(iii) the mother refuses to accept the unmarried biological father's offer to pay the
225	expenses described in this Subsection (6)(d).
226	(7) The notice described in Subsection (6)(c) is considered filed when it is entered into
227	the registry described in Subsection (6)(c).
228	(8) Consent of an unmarried biological father is not required under this section if:
229	(a) the court determines, in accordance with the requirements and procedures of Title
230	78, Chapter 3a, Part 4, Termination of Parental Rights Act, that the unmarried biological
231	father's rights should be terminated, based on the petition of any interested party; or
232	(b) (i) a declaration of paternity declaring the unmarried biological father to be the
233	father of the child is rescinded under Section 78-45g-306; and
234	(ii) the unmarried biological father fails to comply with Subsection (6) within ten
235	business days after the day that notice of the rescission described in Subsection (8)(b)(i) is
236	mailed by the Office of Vital Records within the Department of Health as provided in Section
237	78-45g-306.
238	(9) Unless the adoptee is conceived or born within a marriage, the petitioner in an
239	adoption proceeding shall, prior to entrance of a final decree of adoption, file with the court a
240	certificate from the state registrar of vital statistics within the Department of Health, stating:
241	(a) that a diligent search has been made of the registry of notices from unmarried
242	biological fathers described in Subsection (6)(c); and
243	(b) (i) that no filing has been found pertaining to the father of the child in question; or
244	(ii) if a filing is found, the name of the putative father and the time and date of filing.

245	$\hat{S} \rightarrow [\underline{(10)}]$ Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections (4) and (6), the consent of an
246	unmarried biological father, with respect to an adoptee who is under the age of 18, is required
247	<del>if:</del>
248	(a) (i) the unmarried biological father did not know, and through the exercise of
249	reasonable diligence could not have known, that the child or the child's mother were present in
250	the state of Utah at any time during the period of time beginning at the conception of the child
251	and ending at the time the mother executed a consent to adoption or relinquishment of the child
252	for adoption; and
253	(ii) before the mother executed a consent to adoption or relinquishment of the child for
254	adoption, the unmarried biological father fully complied with the requirements to establish
255	parental rights in the child, and to preserve the right to notice of a proceeding in connection
256	with the adoption of the child, imposed by:
257	(A) the last state where the unmarried biological father knew, or through the exercise
258	of reasonable diligence should have known, that the mother resided in before the mother came
259	to the state of Utah; or
260	(B) the state where the child was conceived; or
261	(b) (i) the unmarried biological father knew, or through the exercise of reasonable
262	diligence should have known, that the child or the child's mother were present in the state of
263	Utah at any time during the period of time beginning at the conception of the child and ending
264	at the time the mother executed a consent to adoption or relinquishment of the child for
265	adoption; and
266	(ii) the unmarried biological father complied with the requirements of Subsection (4)
267	or (6) before the later of:
268	$(A)$ 20 days after the day that the unmarried biological father knew, $\hat{H} \rightarrow [and]$ or $\leftarrow \hat{H}$
268a	through the
269	exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, that the child or the child's mother were
270	present in the state of Utah; or
271	(B) the time that the mother executed a consent to adoption or relinquishment of the
272	<u>child for adoption.</u> ]
272a	(10) (a) For purposes of this Subsection (10), "qualifying circumstance" means that, at any
272b	point during the time period beginning at the conception of the child and ending at the time
272c	the mother executed a consent to adoption or relinquishment of the child for adoption:
272d	(i) the child or the child's mother resided, on a permanent or temporary basis, in the
272e	state of Utah;
272f	(ii) the mother intended to give birth to the child in the state of Utah;
272g	(iii) the child was born in the state of Utah; or
272h	(iv) the mother intended to execute a consent to adoption or relinquishment of the
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272j	(A) in the state of Utah; or
272k	(B) under the laws of the state of Utah.
2721	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections (4) and (6), the consent of an
272m	unmarried biological father is required with respect to an adoptee who is under the age of 18
272n	<u>if:</u>
272o	(i) (A) the unmarried biological father did not know, and through the exercise of
272p	reasonable diligence could not have known, before the time the mother executed a consent to
272q	adoption or relinquishment of the child for adoption, that a qualifying circumstance existed;
272r	<u>and</u>
272s	(B) before the mother executed a consent to adoption or relinquishment of the child for
272t	adoption, the unmarried biological father fully complied with the requirements to establish
272u	parental rights in the child, and to preserve the right to notice of a proceeding in connection
272v	with the adoption of the child, imposed by:
272w	(I) the last state where the unmarried biological father knew, or through the exercise of
272x	reasonable diligence should have known, that the mother resided in before the mother
272y	executed the consent to adoption or relinquishment of the child for adoption; or
272z	(II) the state where the child was conceived; or
272aa	(ii) (A) the unmarried biological father knew, or through the exercise of reasonable
272ab	diligence should have known, before the time the mother executed a consent to adoption or
272ac	relinquishment of the child for adoption, that a qualifying circumstance existed; and
272ad	(B) the unmarried biological father complied with the requirements of Subsection (4)
272ae	or (6) before the later of:
272af	(I) 20 days after the day that the unmarried biological father knew, or through the
272ag	exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, that a qualifying circumstance existed; or
272ah	(II) the time that the mother executed a consent to adoption or relinquishment of the
272ai	<u>child for adoption.</u> ←Ŝ
273	(11) An unmarried biological father who does not fully and strictly comply with the
274	requirements of this section is considered to have waived and surrendered any right in relation
275	to the child, including the right to:

276 (a) notice of any judicial proceeding in connection with the adoption of the child; and 277 (b) consent, or refuse to consent, to the adoption of the child. 278 Section 5. Section **78-30-4.15** is amended to read: 279 78-30-4.15. Responsibility of each party for own actions -- Fraud or 280 misrepresentation. 281 (1) Each parent of a child conceived or born outside of marriage is responsible for his 282 or her own actions and is not excused from strict compliance with the provisions of this 283 chapter based upon any action, statement, or omission of the other parent or third parties. 284 (2) Any person injured by fraudulent representations or actions in connection with an adoption is entitled to pursue civil or criminal penalties in accordance with existing law. A 285 286

fraudulent representation is not a defense to strict compliance with the requirements of this chapter, and is not a basis for dismissal of a petition for adoption, vacation of an adoption decree, or an automatic grant of custody to the offended party. Custody determinations shall be

based on the best interest of the child, in accordance with the provisions of Section 78-30-4.16.

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- (3) The Legislature finds no practical way to remove all risk of fraud or misrepresentation in adoption proceedings, and has provided a method for absolute protection of an unmarried biological father's rights by compliance with the provisions of this chapter. In balancing the rights and interests of the state, and of all parties affected by fraud, specifically the child, the adoptive parents, and the unmarried biological father, the Legislature has determined that the unmarried biological father is in the best position to prevent or ameliorate the effects of fraud and that, therefore, the burden of fraud shall be borne by him.
- [(4) The Legislature finds that an unmarried biological father who resides in another state may not, in every circumstance, be reasonably presumed to know of, and strictly comply with, the requirements of this chapter. Therefore when all of the following requirements have been met, that unmarried biological father may contest an adoption, prior to finalization of the decree of adoption, and assert his interest in the child; the court may then, in its discretion, proceed with an evidentiary hearing under Subsection 78-30-4.16(2):
- (a) the unmarried biological father resides and has resided in another state where the unmarried mother was also located or resided;
- (b) the mother left that state without notifying or informing the unmarried biological father that she could be located in the state of Utah;

307	[(c) the unmarried biological father has, through every reasonable means, attempted to
308	locate the mother but does not know or have reason to know that the mother is residing in the
309	state of Utah; and]
310	[(d) the unmarried biological father has complied with the most stringent and complete
311	requirements of the state where the mother previously resided or was located, in order to
312	protect and preserve his parental interest and right in the child in cases of adoption.]
313	Section 6. Section <b>78-30-14</b> is amended to read:
314	78-30-14. Division of Child and Family Services Duties Report Fee.
315	(1) At the request of the court, the [Division of Child and Family Services] division,
316	through its field agents, persons licensed by the division for the care and placement of children,
317	or through the probation officer of the juvenile court or court of like jurisdiction of the county,
318	under the division's supervision, shall:
319	(a) verify the allegations of the petition for adoption of a minor child[;];
320	(b) make a thorough investigation of the matter[;]; and
321	(c) report [its] the division's findings in writing to the court.
322	(2) (a) When the court requests an investigation under Subsection (1), [it] the court
323	shall serve a copy of the petition, together with a statement containing the names and addresses
324	of the child and petitioners, on the division by certified mail.
325	(b) The division, or the person appointed by the division, shall complete the
326	investigation described in Subsection (2)(a) and submit [the] a written report to the court
327	within 60 days [of that service] after the day that the petition is served on the division.
328	(3) (a) The division shall charge the petitioner a reasonable fee for the services
329	provided under this section.
330	(b) Fees collected shall be deposited in the General Fund.
331	(4) The written report submitted to the court under this section shall state:
332	(a) why the birth parents, if living, desire to be released from the care, support, and
333	guardianship of the child;
334	(b) whether the birth parents have abandoned the child or are morally unfit for custody;
335	(c) whether the proposed adoptive parent or parents are financially able and morally fit
336	to have the care, supervision, and training of the child;
337	(d) the physical and mental condition of the child, so far as that may be determined;

338	and
339	(e) any other facts and circumstances pertaining to the child and [his] the child's
340	welfare.
341	(5) (a) The court shall conduct a full hearing on the petition for adoption and examine
342	the parties in interest under oath.
343	(b) The court may adjourn the hearing from time to time as the nature of the case
344	requires.
345	(6) If the report submitted by the [Division of Child and Family Services] division
346	under Subsection (2) disapproves of the adoption of the child by the petitioner, the court may
347	dismiss the petition.
348	(7) (a) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), a final decree of adoption may not
349	be entered until the child has lived in the home of the adoptive parent or parents for six months.
350	[However, if]
351	(b) If the adoptive parent is the spouse of the birth parent, a final decree of adoption
352	may not be entered until the child has lived in the home of that adoptive parent for one year.
353	(c) In the event the child dies [prior to the expiration of that six-month or one-year
354	period,] during the time that the child is placed in the home of an adoptive parent or parents for
355	the purpose of adoption, the court has authority to enter a final decree of adoption after the
356	child's death upon the request of the adoptive parents. [This subsection shall not]
357	(d) The court may enter a final decree of adoption declaring that a child is adopted by
358	both a deceased and a surviving adoptive parent if, after the child is placed in the home of the
359	child's adoptive parents:
360	(i) one of the adoptive parents dies;
361	(ii) the surviving adoptive parent requests that the court enter the decree; and
362	(iii) the decree is entered after the child has lived in the home of the surviving adoptive
363	parent for at least six months.
364	(e) Upon request of a surviving birth parent, or a surviving parent for whom adoption
365	of a child has been finalized, the court may enter a final decree of adoption declaring that a
366	child is adopted by a deceased adoptive parent who was the spouse of the surviving parent at
367	the time of the adoptive parent's death.
368	(f) The court may enter a final decree of adoption declaring that a child is adopted by

369	both deceased adoptive parents if:
370	(i) both of the adoptive parents die after the child is placed in the adoptive parent's
371	home; and
372	(ii) it is in the best interests of the child to enter the decree.
373	(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant any rights to the birth parents of
374	a child to assert any interest in the child during [that] the six-month or one-year [period]
375	periods described in this section.
376	Section 7. Section <b>78-45g-306</b> is amended to read:
377	78-45g-306. Proceeding for rescission.
378	(1) A signatory may rescind a declaration of paternity or denial of paternity by filing a
379	voluntary rescission document with the Office of Vital Records in a form prescribed by the
380	office before the earlier of:
381	[(1)] (a) 60 days after the effective date of the declaration or denial, as provided in
382	Sections 78-45g-303 and 78-45g-304; or
383	[(2)] (b) the date of notice of the first adjudicative proceeding to which the signatory is
384	a party, before a tribunal to adjudicate an issue relating to the child, including a proceeding that
385	establishes support.
386	(2) Upon receiving a voluntary rescission document from a signatory under Subsection
387	(1), the Office of Vital Records shall provide notice of the recision, by mail, to the other
388	signatory at the last-known address of that signatory.

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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